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New U.S. Patent Application
Title: SYSTEM, METHOD, AND ARTICLE OF
MANUFACTURE FOR MAINTAINING
AND ACCESSING A WHOIS DATABASE
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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application:

1. Application - 28 pages, including 3 independent claims and 20 claims total.
2. Drawings - 8 sheets of drawings (Figures 1-8).

Applicant claims the right to priority based on U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/215,763, filed June 30, 2000.

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This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f). Applicant awaits notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration and filing fee.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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